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SUBJECT: SUPPRESSION OF "FRIVOLOUS" PICTURE OF SADATS

1. NOVEMBER 10 EDITION OF NEWSWEEK HAS NOT APPEARED ON NEWSTANDS IN EGYPT. TO BEST OF OUR RECOLLECTION IT IS MORE THAN 18 MONTHS SINCE MAJOR WESTERN NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED HERE.
2. OFFENDING ITEM WAS APPARENTLY PHOTO OF "PEARL BAILEY PLANTING A KISS ON SADAT" AND MRS. SADAT DANCING WITH PRESIDENT FORD. ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE REPORTS SADAT WAS WINED AND DINED IN US. LURIE'S CARTOON PROBABLY WAS ALSO FACTOR - SADAT WITH BEGGIN BOWL WAS SAME IMAGE USED IN ANTI-SADAT TIRADE BY NEWSPAPER OWNER AND MP MASA'ID IN KUWAITI NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
3. THIS INCIDENT PROVIDES HEALTHY REMINDER OF GOE SENSITIVITY TO VIEWS OF ISLAMIC RIGHT WHO ARE, NATURALLY ENOUGH, CONCERNED THAT SADAT'S OPENING TO THE WEST WILL BRING IN ITS WAKE INFLOW OF "DECADENT" WESTERN CULTURAL MORES. OF COURSE, ANY GOOD MUSLIM PREFERS THE WEST TO THE ATHEIST EAST BY A LONG SHOT. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS USEFUL TO RECALL THAT HUGE MAJORITY OF EGYPTIAN PEOPLE ARE PRACTICING MUSLIMS OF A CONSERVATIVE CAST. PICTURES WHICH CRITICS MIGHT CONSTRUE AS  
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PRESIDENTIAL HIGH LIFE OR "FRIVOLOUS" ARE CONSEQUENTLY SUPPRESSED BY

MININGO. LEADING WEEKLY MUSAWWAR'S PHOTO STORY ON US TRIP, FOR  
EXAMPLE, GIVES IMPRESSION OF STAID PRIMNESS, CONTRASTING WITH  
NEWSWEEK'S REPORT OF "SMASHING" SOCIAL SUCCESS.

4. AT PRESENT, LOCAL NASSERISTS ARE PLAYING ON COMPARISON  
BETWEEN ALMOST PURITANICALLY SIMPLE LIFE STYLE OF NASSER AND  
THAT OF SADAT, WHOSE CUSTOM-MADE CLOTHES ARE FROM PARIS AND  
WHO HAS ACQUIRED PASHA'S TASTE IN LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS. THIS  
LUXURY IN THE MIDST OF POVERTY IS, DESPITE MININFO'S EFFORTS,  
WELL KNOWN, AT LEAST AMONG ESTABLISHMENT EGYPTIANS. NASSERIST  
ACCUSATIONS, LIKE MORE EXPLICIT LIBYAN RHETORIC THIS SUMMER (EG MRS.  
SADAT IS "NEW CLEOPATRA"), STRIKE RESPONSIVE CHORDS HERE WITH  
INFLUENTIAL ISLAMIC FIGURES AND WITH THOSE REFORMERS STILL COMMITTED  
TO 1952 REVOLUTIONARY GOAL OF SOCIAL LEVELLING.  
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